

2014 No. 687

ROAD TRAFFIC

**The M40 Motorway (Junctions 7 to 9) (Temporary Prohibition
of Traffic) Order 2014**

Made - - - - *24th February 2014*

Coming into force - - *3rd March 2014*

WHEREAS the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the M40 Motorway (“the M40”) and connecting roads, is satisfied that traffic on several lengths of that motorway and on some of those connecting roads, in the District of Wycombe in the County of Buckinghamshire and the Districts of South Oxfordshire and Cherwell in the County of Oxfordshire, should be prohibited because works are proposed to be executed thereon; and whereas the Secretary of State for Transport in accordance with section 14(3) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984(a) has had regard to the existence of alternative routes suitable for the traffic which will be affected by this Order:

NOW, THEREFORE, the Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 14(1)(a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984(a) hereby makes the following Order:-

1. This Order may be cited as the M40 Motorway (Junctions 7 to 9) (Temporary Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2014 and shall come into force on 3rd March 2014 and remain in force until 31st May 2014.

2. In this Order:

“the tip of the nosing” means, as indicated by the markings on the carriageway, the first point where an entry slip road joins, or the last point where an exit slip road leaves, the carriageway of the M40;

“the motorway” means the southbound carriageway of the M40 between the tips of the nosings of the exit slip road and the entry slip road at Junction 9;

“the northbound Oxford Spur” means the northbound Oxford Spur Motorway, at Junction 8 of the M40, from its diverge point from the northbound carriageway of the M40 to its merge point with the entry slip road to the westbound carriageway of the A40 Trunk Road, including the A40 Trunk Road exit slip road to the A418;

“the southbound Oxford Spur” means the southbound Oxford Spur Motorway, at Junction 8 of the M40, from its diverge point from the eastbound carriageway of the A40 Trunk Road with the exit slip road to the to its merge point with the southbound carriageway of the M40, including the entry slip road from the A418;

“a slip road” means the –

(a) exit slip road from the northbound carriageway of the M40 at Junction 7,

(a) 1984 c.27; a new section 14 was substituted by the Road Traffic (Temporary Restrictions) Act 1991 (c.26), section 1(1) and Schedule 1.

- (b) entry slip road to the southbound carriageway of the M40 at Junction 7,
- (c) exit slip road from, and the entry slip road to, the northbound carriageway of the M40 at Junction 8A,
- (d) exit slip road from, and the entry slip road to, the southbound carriageway of the M40 at Junction 8A,
- (e) exit slip road from, and the entry slip road to, the northbound carriageway of the M40 at Junction 9, and
- (f) exit slip road from, and the entry slip road to, the southbound carriageway of the M40 at Junction 9;

“the works period” means periods overnight between 22:00 hours and 06:00 hours (continuing to 07.00 hours on Saturday and Sunday mornings), during a period starting on Tuesday 4th March 2014 and ending on Saturday 31st May 2014 when the works have been completed; and

“works” mean annual routine maintenance works on both the main carriageway and connecting roads of the M40.

3. Subject as mentioned in article 4 of this Order no person shall, during a works period, cause or permit any motor vehicle to enter or proceed in the motorway, the northbound Oxford Spur, the southbound Oxford Spur or a slip road.

4. The provisions of article 3 of this Order shall apply only during such times and to such extent as shall, from time to time, be indicated by traffic signs and shall not apply to a vehicle being used in connection with the works, for winter maintenance or for emergency purposes by the police, fire and rescue authority, ambulance or traffic officer services or anything done at the direction, or with the permission, of a constable, or a traffic officer in uniform.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

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